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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 6 and 12 recite the limitation "the simplified interface" in Line 2 and Line 4, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in these claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng et al. (US 6211878).

In regards to claim 1, Cheng teaches a method comprising: displaying a first level of a matrix navigation interface for web content on a channel of a television set (Figure 8); receiving an input from one of a pointer device and directional input device indicating a direction to move a cursor in the matrix (i.e. "In the frame turning mode, any activation of the user interface device 66 (which is preferably a wheel) controls the switching between frames on the web browser of the present invention." Column 12,

Line 19); and displaying a second level of the matrix navigation interface when a selection input is received (i.e. "When an image area is selected, the area is highlighted. When the "enter" user interface device is pressed, the browser program links to the URL if the highlighted area denotes a URL." Column 11, Line 14).

In regards to claim 2, Cheng teaches a method of claim 1, wherein the cursor is a highlighted matrix cell (i.e. "Each frame at a particular point in time is highlighted or selected. The frames are highlighted according to activating the scroll wheel or scroll switch 66 in combination with the frame switch 78." Column 8, Line 43).

In regards to claim 3, Cheng teaches a method of claim 1, wherein the second level of the matrix navigation interface is a deeper layer (i.e. "When an image area is selected, the area is highlighted. When the "enter" user interface device is pressed, the browser program links to the URL if the highlighted area denotes a URL." Column 11, Line 14).

In regards to claim 6, Cheng teaches a method of claim 1, further comprising displaying product information in a matrix cell through the simplified interface (See Figure 8).

Claims 7, 8, 9, and 12 are similar in scope to claims 1, 2, 3, and 6; therefore they are rejected under similar rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng et al. (US 6211878) in view of Hasomi (US 6151596).

In regards to claim 4, Cheng teaches all the limitations of claim 1. Cheng does not teach a method of claim 1 wherein matrix layer contains a set of advertisements. Hasomi teaches a method wherein matrix layer contains a set of advertisements (See Figure 9). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Cheng with the teachings of Hasomi and include advertisements in the matrix with the motivation to provide for more revenue.

In regards to claim 5, Cheng teaches all the limitations of claim 1. Cheng does not teach a method of claim 1, wherein a matrix navigation layer comprises a set of primary navigation options. Hasomi teaches a matrix navigation layer comprising a set of primary navigation options (See Figure 9). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Cheng with the teachings of Hasomi and include a set of primary navigation options with the motivation to provide the user with a convenient method of navigating the system.

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Claims 10 and 11 are similar in scope to claims 4 and 5; therefore they are rejected under similar rationale.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boris Pesin whose telephone number is (571) 272-4070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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